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SUBJECT: ASIAN TRAVELS OF PRIME MINISTER KIRK

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. PRIME MINISTER NORMAN KIRK WITH SMALL PARTY WILL VISIT SIX SOUTHEAST AND SOUTH ASIAN COUNTRIES DURING NEXT THREE WEEKS. DURING THIS, HIS FIRST VISIT TO ASIA SINCE TAKING OFFICE A YEAR AGO, KIRK INTENDS DISCUSS WITH ASIAN LEADERS STRENGTHENING OF BILATERAL AND REGIONAL TIES. END SUMMARY.

2. PRIME MINISTER (AND FOREIGN MINISTER) NORMAN KIRK DEPARTS WELLINGTON DEC 12 FOR THREE WEEK TOUR OF ASIAN NATIONS INCLUDING PAPUA- NEW GUINEA, INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE, INDIA AND BANGLADESH. FLYING IN RNZAF HERCULES TRANSPORT MR. KIRK'S SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:
DEC 12 - PORT MORESBY FOR INFORMAL TALKS WITH
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CHIEF MINISTER MICHAEL SOMARE; DEC 13 - JAKARTA

FOR TALKS WITH PRSIDENT SUHARTO, FONMIN MALIK AND
OTHER MINISTERS. DURING HIS STAY KIRK WILL ADDRESS
THE INDONESIAN PARLIAMENT AS WELL AS THE UNESCO
CONFERENCE AT JOGJAKARTA ON DEC 17.
DEC 18 - KUALA LUMPUR FOR THREE DAY VISIT AND
TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER RAZAK AND MALAYASIAN
OFFICIALS. DEC 21- SINGAPORE FOR DISCUSSION
WITH PRIMIN LEE KUAN YEW ON NEW ZEALAND'S DEFENSE
ROLE IN ANZUK. DEC 23-26 KIRK AND PARTY WILL
TRAVEL TO LAKE TOBA IN NORTH SUMATRA OVER CHRISTMAS.
DEC 27 - NEW DELHI FOR MEETINGS WITH PRIME
MINISTER GANDHI. *AN 1 - DACCA FOR SIMILAR VISITS
TO BANGALADESH.

3. PRIMIN'S SMALL PARTY WILL INCLUDE MERVIN NORRISH,
DEPUTY SECRETARY MFA IN CHARGE OF ASIAN AFFAIRS;
RICHARD NOTTAGE, ASSISTANT HEAD, INFORMATION DIVISION,
MFA, A SECRETARY AND TYPIST PLUS SIX NEW ZEALAND PRESS.

4. FURTHER DETAILS OF PRIMIN'S VISIT ARE SUBJECT
SEPTTEL.

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